

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated February 27, 2007, claims 1-13 and 16-28 were presented for examination. Claims 19-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Claims 1-13, and 16-28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Elnozahy et al.*, U.S. Patent No. 6,701,421, in view of *Sayles*, U.S. Patent No. 6,549,963. A response to the Office Action of February 27, 2007 was not entered by the Examiner, as reflected in an Advisory Action dated May 17, 2007.

Applicants hereby request entry of the Response dated May 4, 2007. Furthermore, Applicants herein have amended claims 1, 13, and 22 to further limit the firmware to a single computer system to produce both the first and second descriptors. In an earlier telephone conference with the Examiner on November 8, 2006, the Examiner indicated that such language would place the application in condition for allowance. Applicants are not conceding in this application that the prior condition of these claims are not patentable over the art cited by the Examiner, as the present claim amendments and cancellations are only for facilitating expeditious prosecution of the allowable subject matter noted by the examiner. Applicants respectfully reserve the right to pursue these and other claims in one or more continuations and/or divisional patent applications. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request removal of the rejection of claims 1-13 and 16-28 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a).

Furthermore, Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's assertion in the Advisory Action. Applicants have submitted a statement of common ownership and respectfully request entry thereof.

Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants request that the Examiner indicate allowability of claims 1-13 and 16-28, and that the application pass to issue. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication

will expedite prosecution of the application, the Examiner is hereby invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, all of the claims now presented are in condition for allowance, and Applicant respectfully requests that the outstanding rejections be withdrawn and this application be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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